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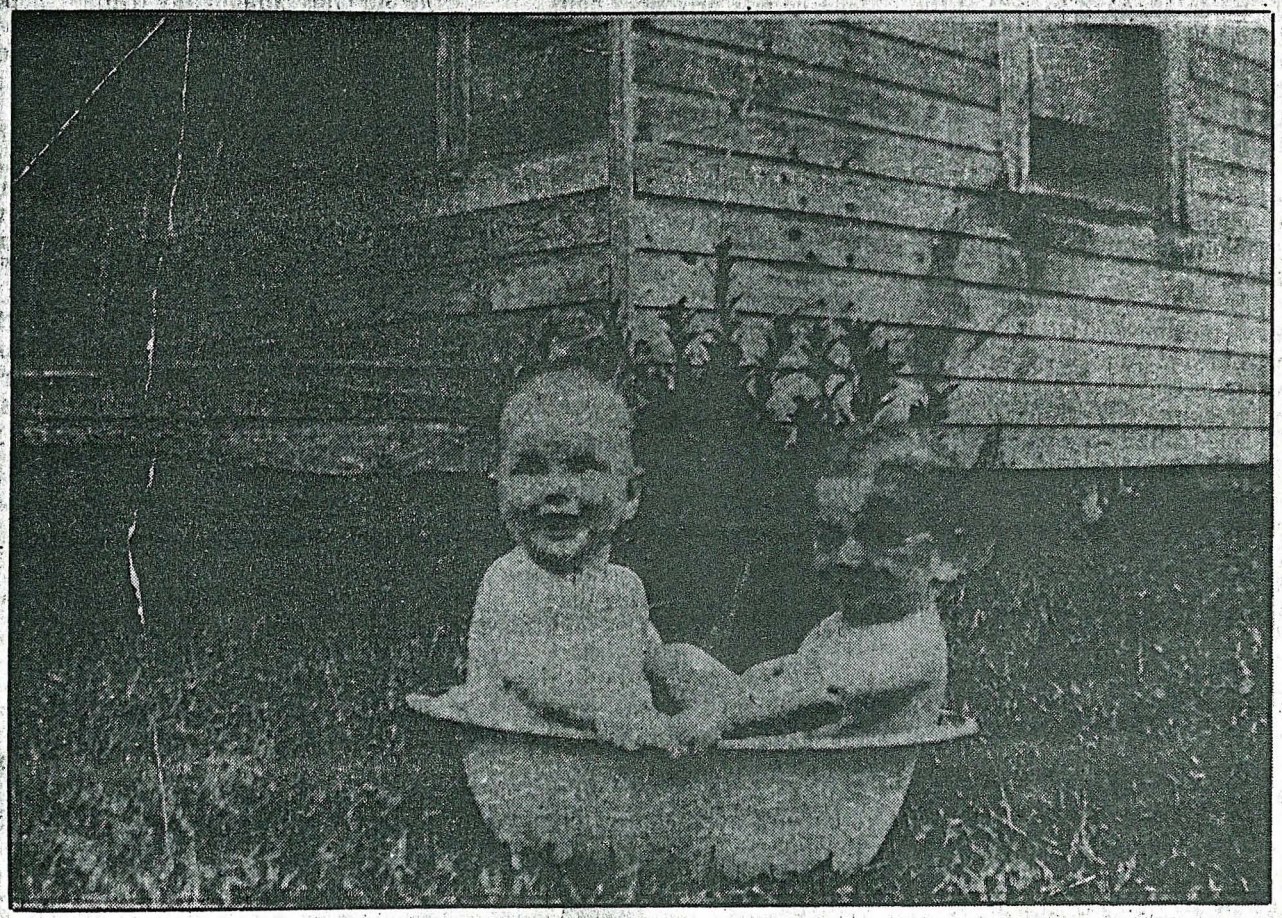

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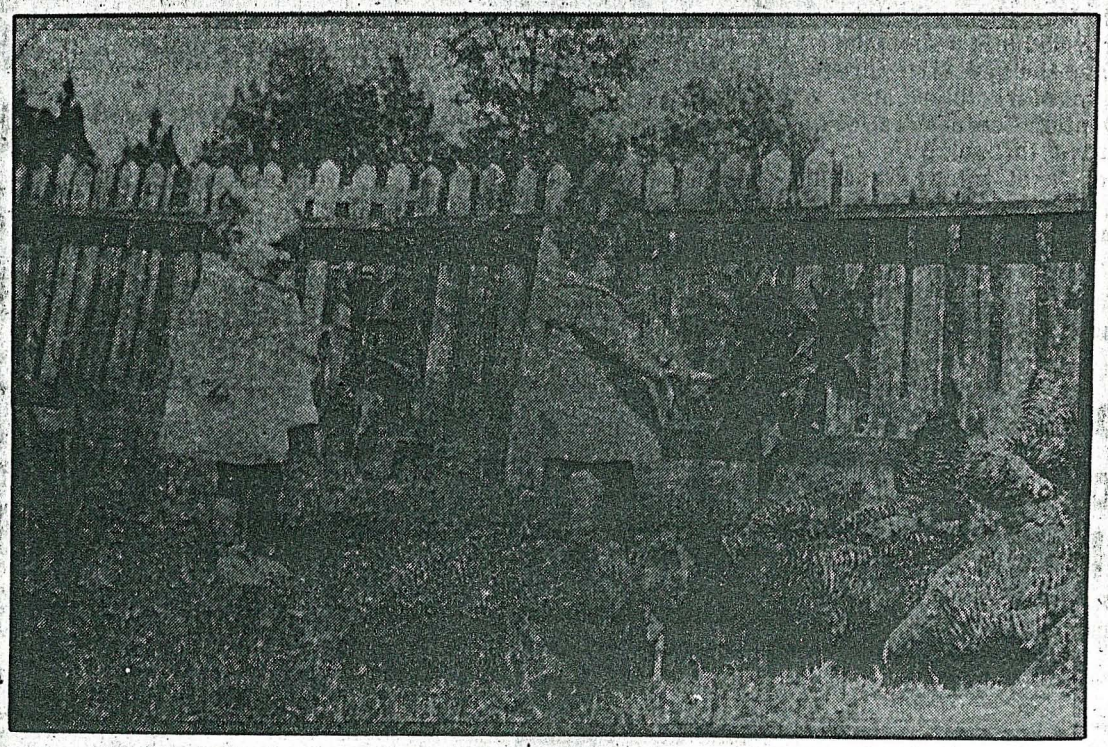

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KEVIN BENEFIELD

Mr. Benefield is one of the most popular performers in this area. He is a singer, pianist, organist and choral instructor, a man of many talents. He is a graduate of Mississippi Southern University and a frequent performer for the Jackson County Arts Council and "First Thursday". He represented Pascagoula at the World's Fair.

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(1/10/1851-2/10/1928) CELIA FRANCES JONES and JAMES THOMAS BENEFIELD (3/4/1851-4/10/1938)

who were married on April 29,1869

and whose children were as follows:

EMER ELIZABETH (Emma) BENEFIELD	February 10, 1870
WILLIAM HENRY BENEFIELD	May 18, 1871
NANCY JANE BENEFIELD (Jenny)	April 24,1873
LUTHER WHITE BENEFIELD	February 1, 1875
JOHN THOMAS BENEFIELD	July 25, 1877
CHARLES NATHANL BENEFIELD	September 12,1878
JAMES ANDRUW BENEFIELD	May 6, 1881
ROBERT BENGMAN BENEFIELD (Bob)	December 22,1883
PETTER SMITH BENEFIELD (Pete)	October 10, 1885
CYNTHIA ANN BENEFIELD	June 13, 1887
ELLIS WARD BENEFIELD	August 6, 1888
MARY FRANCES BENEFIELD (Mamie)	May 21, 1890
ERNEST PERSON BENEFIELD (Pearce)	March 15, 1893
CLARNCE RELY BENEFIELD (Clarence)	September 20, 1896

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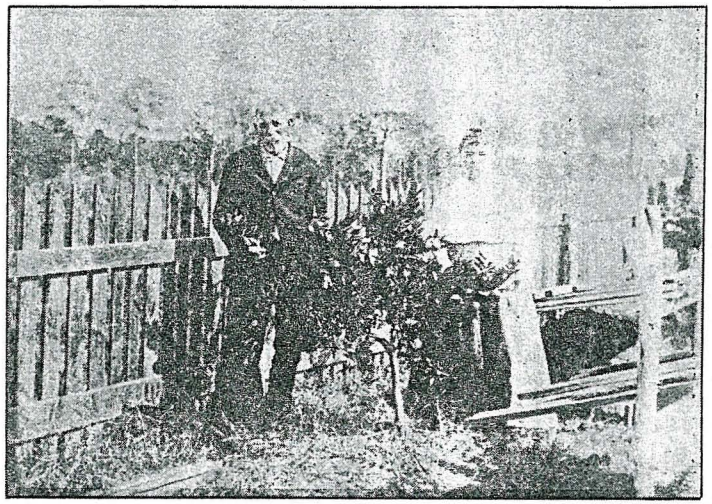

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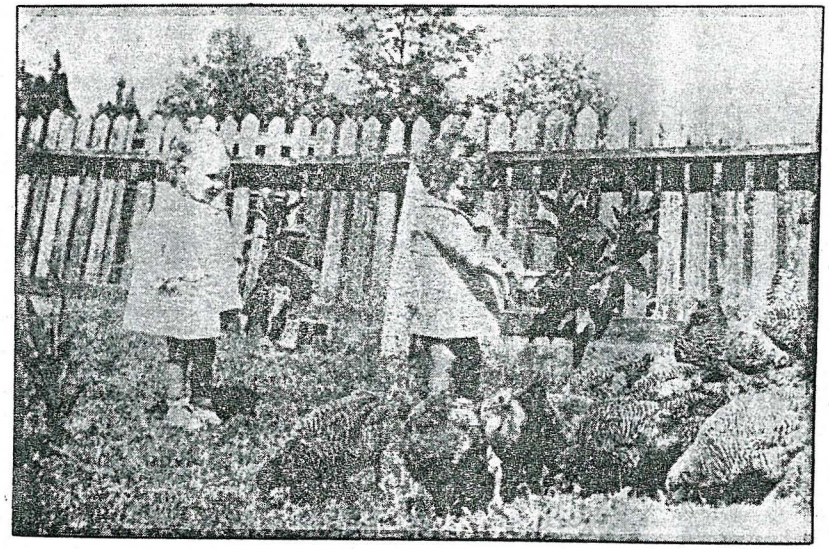

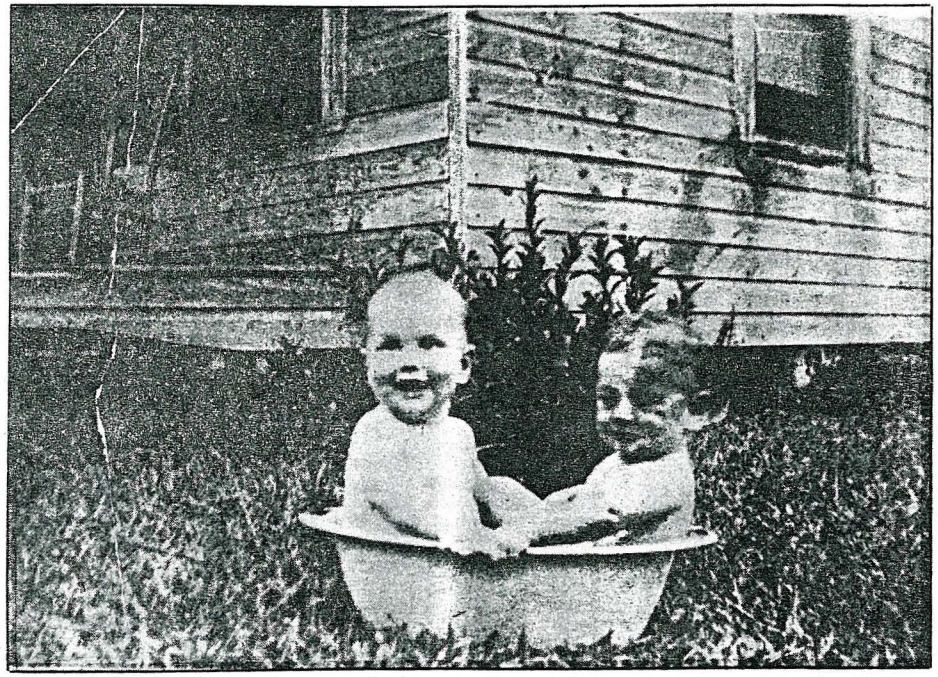

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Alabama Couple Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

On January 18 Mr. and Mrs. William Benefield, of Collbran, Alabama, celebrated their fiftieth (golden) wedding anniversary. Mr. Benefield lived for a number of years on the Gulf Coast, and has relatives in this section. Although in his seventieth year, still is an active farmer and enjoys good health. Mrs. Benefield still does her own housework, milks three cows, raises chickens and sends four children to school, grandchildren. She is in her seventy-second year.

These good people are rearing their third family. When they were married in 1891 they cared for and raised to man and womanhood the bride's brothers and sisters, in the meantime having a family of their own, whom they brought up to be grown. Now, they have grandchildren to rear and send to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Benefield received many beautiful and useful gifts from many sections of the country. Children of the couple present were: William Oscar of Mobile, Mrs. R. C. Lewis of New Orleans, Mrs. Milton U. Curtis of Mobile, Howard I., also of Mobile, and the families of the sons and daughters. One son, Harry, and a daughter, Elsie, could not be present. Also present were a brother and sister of Mr. Benefield, and two brothers of Mrs. Benefield, beside a large number of cousins and other relatives, to wish the old couple many more days of wedded life together. Mr. and Mrs. Benefield have twenty-three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1945

MRS. W. H. BENEFIELD

Luella Green Benefield, 76, wife of W. H. Benefield, Collbran, Route 1, passed away at her home June 22 after a short illness.

"Aunt Ella" as everyone knew her, was born near Douglasville, Georgia, February 28, 1869, daughter of Austin and Luella Laster Green.

She married William Henry Benefield, January 18, 1891. She was the mother of nine children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were present at her funeral.

She is survived by her husband and her children: William Oscar, of Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. Lula Lewis, Birmingham; Henry Porter, New Orleans; James Austin, Collbran Rt. 1; Mrs. Inez Curtis, of Mobile; Harry, Philadelphia; Howard Taft of Collbran Rt. 1; and Elsie Johnston, Gulfport, Miss. One brother, Robert Henry Green, Collbran Route 1, and 24 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

At the time of her death, "Aunt Ella" was 76 years, 3 months and 22 days old. She had been married 54 years, 5 months and 4 days. She joined the Methodist Church at the age of 10 and was a member of McNutt Memorial Church at the time of her death.

Pallbearers were Roy C. Green, S/Sgt. Arthur Green, BM2/C Archie Green USNR, Thomas Harold Green Lawrence Pruitt Green and Norman Joseph Green.

Flower girls were Mae Lewis Tinsley, Velma Green, Berthelle Benefield, Betty Ann and Dorothy Cole.

Interment was in Mt. Vernon cemetery, Bartlett in charge.

CIRCA 1954

W. H. BENEFIELD

William Henry Benefield, age [illegible], passed away at the home of his son, H. T. Benefield, Collbran, Thursday afternoon following an extended illness. A native of Georgia, he had lived in DeKalb County the past 25 years. He was a member of McNutt Memorial Methodist Church.

He is survived by five sons, W. O., Bay St. Louis, Miss.; H. P., New Orleans; J. A. Auburndale, Fla.; W. H., Jr., Philadelphia; H. T., Collbran; three daughters, Mrs. Lula Lowes, Birmingham; Mrs. Inez Reid, Fort Worth; Mrs. Elsie Buckner, Texas; two brothers, P. S., Collbran; E. P., Collinsville; one sister, Mrs. Mary Green, Collbran; 24 grandchildren and 34 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mt. Vernon Saturday at 2:00 p. m. with the Rev. O. M. Jones officiating.

Pallbearers were Ernest Benefield, Herschel Benefield, Harold Green, Ray Green, Lawrence Green and Buford Benefield.

Burial was in Mt. Vernon cemetery with Wilson Funeral Home in charge.

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J. T. Benefield

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MR. AND MRS. BENEFIELD

This is a picture of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Benefield, Sr., who lived at Kreole, Miss., father and mother of a large family of railroaders.

Mrs. Benefield was born in Carrol County, Ga., November 10, 1851, and was married at the age of eighteen. She was the mother of fifteen children. Passing on to her reward several years ago, she was survived by her husband, nine sons, three daughters, sixty-six grandchildren and forty-seven great-grandchildren. Of the 125 living descendants, 102 were present at the funeral which took place at Kreole.

Mr. and Mrs. Benefield and all the children lived and farmed in the river lands of Cherokee County, Ala., until the year 1900, moving then to the Sand Mountain in Marshall County, Ala. During the period from 1902 to 1908 the whole family migrated south and settled on the New Orleans Division, where Mr. Benefield and all his sons and son-in-laws worked for the Company for several years. Sons Pierce, Peter, Robert, Luther and Clarence and son-in-law "Bob" Green worked in the B. & B. Department for several years. Sons Henry, Nathan, Ellis W. and John T. and son-in-laws Jim and Bob Green have all served as section foremen and in this capacity Henry is still serving at Chef Monteur, La.

Several of the grand-daughters have married railroad men and several of the grandsons have worked in the maintenance of way department. One grandson, Oscar Benefield, is now section foreman at Mobile; his brother, Porter, is foreman at Lee, La., and two other brothers, Harry and Howard, are also working in the maintenance of way department. Another grandson, H. O. Benefield, has worked in maintenance of way department as laborer, in the operating department as telegraph operator, station agent and [illegible] ticket seller in the depot ticket office at New Orleans and is now employed in the [illegible] capacity in the [illegible] ticket office at New Orleans.

Mrs. Benefield, [illegible] daughter of [illegible] with [illegible] more than [illegible] grandchildren, 4 in [illegible]

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Emma Elizbeth Benefield Green

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Ex.

STATE OF GEORGIA, CARROLL COUNTY.

To any Minister of the Gospel, Judge, or Justice of the Peace to Celebrate.

You are hereby authorized to join in the HONORABLE STATE OF MATRIMONY

James T. Benefield *and* Sarah Jones

provided there be no lawful cause to obstruct the same, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State. For so doing this shall be your sufficient license.

Given under my hand and seal, this 28th *day of* April *1869*

W. B. Julian *(Seal)*

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That J. T. Benefield *and* Sarah Jones

were joined together in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony on the 29th *day of* April *1869*

W. B. Jones *M.D.*

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Bottom Front left to right
Emma Benefield Green
Charlie Austin Green
James Austin Green
Lonnabia Green "Horne"

Back row:
Rella Green "New"
Hess Lyman Green
Celia Green "Hitchcock"

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Benefield Family

1. Needham Benefield b; abt.1779 Raleigh,N.Carolina
Married : Mary Polly Rogers b;abt.1780

Children :

i Aaron Benefield b;abt; 1802

ii James K. Benfield b; abt. 1803 d; abt.1897
Married : Sept.15,1825 Alsey Kimbell b; abt. 1802 d; abt.1897 .
Daughter of , Buckner Mansfield Kimbell & Nancy Jackson.

iii John Benefield b; abt.1804 d; abt.1868
Married : Francis K. Welborn b; abt.1812 d; abt.1888

iv Caleb C.Benefield b; abt.1805 Ga.
Married :Walton Co., Ga. Lucinda Stone b;

v Hardy Benefield b; abt.1807 d; abt.1870 Gwinnett Co.,Ga.
Married : Florence Lorena Camp b; abt.1813 Gwinnett Co.,Ga.

vi William Benefield b; abt 1809 Ga.
Married : Deborah Stone b; abt 1813

vii Azariah Benefield b; abt.1813 Ga.
Married :abt.1844 Elizabeth Almon b; Feb.12,1825
Daughter of Jonathon Holston Almon & Delaney Taylor

viii Henry Zacharial Benefield b; abt.1817 Ga.
Married:Abt.1841 Susan Rosalie Almon b; Nov.1,1823

ix Robert Benefield b; abt.1820 d; abt 1898
Married : Abt.1843 , Minerva Unknown b; abt.1815

x Mary Benefield b; abt.1831 d; abt.1835
Married : David Shellnut b; abt.1826

Second Generation

James K.Benefield (Needham) b;Sept 15,1803 Ga.d; Sept 1897 Brush Hill , McIntosh City,Indian Terr.Ok.

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Married; Alsey Kimbell b; abt 1807 Tenn.d; Sept. 1897 Brush Hill ,McIntosh City, Indian Terr.Ok.

Children :

i William Henry Benefield b; Aug.12,1829 d; May 26,1886 Randolph Co.Ala.

Married: Mary Jane Shellnut b; July 23,1830 Fayette Ga.d; Nov.14,1912 Randolph Co.Ala.

Parents : Thomas P.Shellnut b; Aug.24,1807 d; 1873 Randolph Co.,Ala.

Jane M. Wakefield b; 1809 Clark Co.Ga.d; abt.1870 Randolph Co.Ala.

Hardy Benefield (Needham) b; 1807 Ga.d; abt.1870 Gwinnett Co.Ga.

Married: Florence Lorena Camp b;abt.1813 Gwinnett Co.,Ga.

Children:

i Robert Benefield b; 1833 Ga.

Married: Ann Armintha H.Davis b; abt.1835 Gwinnett Co.Ga.

ii Needham Benefield b; abt. 1836 Ga.

Married :Jna.29,1863 , S.J.C. Smith in, Gwinnett Co.Ga.

iii Lorena (Rena) Benefield b; 1838 Ga.

Married :Jan.15,1858, Rollins Soloman ,in Gwinnett Co. Ga.

iv Hardy J. Benefield b; abt.1840 Ga.

Married; Susan Unknown , b; abt.1856

v William J. Benefield b; abt.1842 Ga.

vi James. Benefield b; abt. 1845 Ga.

vii John K.Benefield b; abt.1848 Ga.

Married: Sarah Unknown b; abt.1850

viii Lucy Benefield b; 1851 Ga.

ix Matilda V.Benefield b; 1853 Ga.

x Henry Benefield b; 1856 Ga.

xi Walton Benefield b; 1858 Gwinnett Co.Ga.

xii Lottie Jane Benefield b; 1860 Gwinett Co. Ga.

Married:Oct.6,1881 in Gwinnett Co.,Ga. William J.Pruitt b;

xiii Living Benefield b;

Azariah Benefield (Needham) b;abt. 1813 Ga.

Married: Elizabeth Almon b; Feb.12,1825

Children:

i Hezehiah Zachariah Benefield b;abt. 1840 Ala.

ii Mary Benefield b; abt. 1842 Ala.

iii Holston Benefield b;abt. 1844 Ala.

iv Martha Benefield b; abt. 1846 Ala.

v William Hezekiah Benefield b; abt.1849 Ala.

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Third Generation

William Henry Benefield (.James ,Needham)b;Aug12,1829 Newton Co.Ga.d; May 26,1886 Randolph Co.Ala.

Married : Mary Jane Shellnut b;July 23, 1830Fayette Ga.d; Nov.14,1912 Randolph Co.,Ala.
Daughter of Thomas Shellnut b;Aug.24,1807 S.C. d;1873 Randolph Co.Ala.
Jane M.Wakefield b;1809 Clark Co.Ga.d;abt.1870 Randolph Co.,Ala.
(1870 census records Carroll Co.Ga.shows this family ,Image 150)

Children :

i James Thomas Benefield b;March 4,1851Carroll Co., Ga.d; April 10,1938 Ft.Payne,Ala.
ii Alsey Jane Benefield b;1852 Ga.
iii Mary Ann Benefield b; 1854 Ga.
iv Needham Andrew Jackson Benefield b; Nov.6,1856 Carroll Co. Ga.
v Harriet Lucindy Benefield b; 1857 Ga.
vi William Henry Benefield b; 1858 Ga.
vii Martha Martiney Benefield b; 1860 Ga.
viii Jonathon Hesachire Benefield b; 1862 Ga.
ix David Nathaniel Benefield b; 1864 Ga.
x Charles Frank Benefield b;Dec.16,1866 Ga.d; Feb 27,1942
Married: Carrie E. Duke b; Sept. 10,1869 d; March 6, 1942
Buried: Green's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery , Randolph Co.Ala.
xi King Soloman Benefield b; 1868 Ga.
xii Hiram (Abiff).Jones Benefield b; Dec 11,1870 Ga.d; Aug 17,1952
Buried: Friendship Christian Church Cemetery , Randolph Co.Ala.
Married: Mary Jane Ward b; Dec7,1882 d; March 27,1957
xiii Cynthia Lucy Hood Benefield b; 1874 Ga.

Fourth Generation

James Thomas Benefield (..William ,James , Needham) b;March 4,1851 Ga. d; April 10,1938
Buried: Mt Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery, Dekalb Co.Ft Payne, Ala.

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Married : Selia (Celia) Francis Jones b; 1851-1928 Ga.

Children :

i Emma Elizabeth Benefield b; Feb.10,1870 Carroll Co.Ga.d; Feb.17,1949 Ms.
Buried : Orange Grove Cemetery , Jackson Co.Ms.
Married:March7,1886 James Auston Green b;July 1867 Ga.d;1908 Buried Cedar Grove Baptist Church Theodore,Ala.(unmarked grave by large Oak tree in middle and front row)

ii William Henry Benefield b; May 18,1871 Carroll Co.Ga.d; Nov.4,1954
Married : Jan.18,1891 Martha Louella Green b; Feb 28,1869 d; June 22,1945
Buried : Ft. Payne Ala., Mt . Vernon Baptist Church Cemetery.

iii Nancy Jane Benefield b; 1873 Carroll Co.Ga.
Married :April 21,1889 John Copeland Cothran 2# George Rayborn

iv Luther White Benefield b; Feb 1,1875 Randolph Co.Ala.

v John Thomas Benefield b; July 25,1877 Randolph Co., Ala d; Oct.23,1954 Gulfport ,Ms.
Married : Sept.27,1896 Ola Elizabeth Price in Cherokee Co.Ala.

vi Charles Nathaniel Benefield b; Sept.12,1878 Randolph Co.,Ala.d; March 16,1942
Married : Feb.26,1907 Alice Lucinda Williams

vii James Andrew Benefield b; May 6, 1881 Cherokee Co.Ala.d;Sept.13,1900

viii Robert Benjamin Benefield b; Dec.22.1883 Cherokee Co.,Ala.d; March 25,1931
Married : Aug.26,1908 Georgiana Coleman

ix Peter Smith (Pete) Benefield b; Oct.10,1885 Cherokee Co., Ala. d;June 3,1958
Married: April 15,1903 Carolyn Wood

x Cynthia Ann Benefield b; 1887 -1887 Cherokee Co.,Ala.

xi Ellis Ward Benefield b; Aug.6,1888 Cherokee Co.,Ala.d; July 8,1946

xii Mary Francis (Mamie) Benefield b; May 21,1890 Cherokee Co.,Ala.d;Sept 12,1974
Married : Dec.9,1908 , Robert Green

xiii Earnest Peyon (pierce) Benefield b; March 15,1893 Cherokee Co.Ala.d;Nov,23,1967

xiv Clarence Rely Benefield b; Sept 20,1896 Cherokee Co.Ala.d; Feb.2,1949

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Needham Andrew Jackson Benefield (William , James , Needham)b; NOv.6,1856
Married : Nancy Katherine Rebecca Jane Abbott b; April 11, 1857 d; March 72,1934 Fairburn Ga.
Daughter of James Abbott & Loucinda Elizabeth Huckeba
Children :
i Mary Lucinda Elizabeth Benefield b; March 2, 1875 Widoweed , Randolph Co.Ala.
d; Dec. 27,1962 Greenwood Ar.
Married :Nov.11,1891 William Browning Stallings b; Aug 5,1869 Ala.d;March 4,1941
Son of , Micajah Stallings & Mary Matilda Crow
ii David Franklin Benefield b;

Robert Benefield (Hardy , James , Needham) b; 1833 Ga.
Married: Ann Armintha H.Davis b;1835
Children :
i William Benefield b;
ii Mary Benefield b; 1854
Married: Joe Roberts
iii James Hardy (Jim)Benefield b; March 23,1857
Married : Jane Ferguson
iv Robert Caswell Benefield b; march 26,1859 Ga. d; Dec.24,1903 Jefferson Co.Ala.
Married : Cynthia Malinda Wood b;Oct.10,1860 Ga.d; Dec.12,1921 Jefferson Co.Ala.
Daughter of, William Wood & Miryer Williams .

Fifth Generation

Emma Elizabeth Benefield (.James ,William ,James,Needham) b;Feb.10,1870 Carroll Co.Ga.d;Feb.17,1949 Ms.
Buried : Orange Grove Cemetery Jackson Co.Ms.
Married :Nov.27,1886 James Austin Green b; July 1867, Cherokee Co., Ala.d;1908 buied Cedar Grove Baptist Church Theodore , Ala. (2 # John Howard no info short marriage)
1900 census records family in Cherokee Co.Ala, 1920 census Grand Bay , Mobile Co.Ala.

Children;
i Cynthia Marella (Rella) Green b; Aug.1889 Cherokee Co.,Ala.
Married : David A. New b;18- Buried Union Baptist Church ,Grand Bay,Mobile,Ala.

ii Cecelia Prescilla Green b; Aug.6,1893 Cherokee Co.,Ala.d;May 13,1983 Grand Bay,Ala.
Buried : Evergreen Cemetery , Gulfport , Ms.
Married : Otto Hately b; June 1889 Cherokee Co., Ala. 2.# Andrew Riviere

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iii Lymar Hezehiah (Hess) Green b; July 1896 Cherokee Co.,Ala.d;
Married : Nona N. Roberts b;1900-1968

iv Charles Austin Green b; April 8, 1999 d; April 11,1986 Cherokee Co.,Ala.
Married: Ella Elsie Pierce b; Feb.3,1902 Jackson Co.Ms. d; April 10,1986
Buried Orange Grove Cemetery Jackson Co.,Ms.

v Lounomia (Lou) Green b; May 6, 1903 d; April 17,1990 Ms.
Married ; Henry McDuffie 2# GeorgeC.(Bill) Horn b; Oct.24,1907 d; Aug.28,1985
Buried Orange Grove Cemetery Jackson Co., Ms.

vi Margaret Elizabeth Green b; Oct. 25,1905 d; March 25, 1986 Ms.
Married : May 11,1920 John Poole b; Aug.18,1889 Ms.d; July 21,1983 Ms.
Buried Orange Grove Cemetery Jackson Co., Ms.

William Henry Benefield (James ,.William ,.James ,Needham) b;May 18,1871 Carroll Co. Ga.
Married: Martha Louella (Ella) Green b; Feb.28, 1870 d; June 22,1945

Children:

i William Oscar Green b; April 27,1893 Cherokee Co. Ala.

ii Lula Green b; Aug. 1895 Cherokee Co.Ala.

iii Henry Porter Green b; Sept.20,1897 Cherokee Co., Ala.

iv Harry Green b; Jan. 1900 Cherokee Co., Ala.

v Howard Talt Benefield b;

vi James Austin Benefield b;

vii Inez Benefield b;

viii Elsie Benefield b;

Mary Lucinda Benefield (Needham J., William , James, Needham)b; Marvh 2,1875 Randolph Co.Ala.
d; Dec.27,1962 Greenwood ,Ar.
Married: Nov.11,1891 Randolph Co.Ala.William Browning Stallings b; Aug.5,1869 Ala.
d; March 4,1941 Greenwood,Ar.(info.Ancestry .com)

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Children :

i Vera Belle Stallings b; March 15,1913 Sebastians Co.Ar.d; July4,1970 Orange Co.Ca.
Married : April 4,1932 George Spergon Sterling Greenan b; July 1,1911
Sebastian,Ar. d; March 1997 in LA Co.Ca.
Parents: John Rockwood Sterling & Portal Francis .

ii Edgar Leroy Stallings b; April 12,1893 d; 1918
iii Hattie Cleo Stallings b; May 19,1895 d; May 6, 1962
iv Lillie Mae Stallings b; April 6, 1897 d; May 30,1983 Bellflower,La Co.Ca.
Married: June 14,1920,Greenwood,Ar. James Lee Hannah b;Dec.27,1886 Ar.
d; Sept. 27,1967 Los Angeles ,Ca.
Parents : Thomas Jefferson Hannah & Parlee McNabb
v William Elbert Stallings b; Nov.1,1899
vi Unnamed Infant Stallings b; Sept. 9, 1901 d; Sept.9,1901
vii Living Stallings b; married: Living Bashan
viii Living Stallings b; married; Living Hartsfield
ix Carl Browning Stallings b; Jan.19,1908 d; Jan.19,1908
x Elsie Viola Stallings b; March 3, 1909 d;1959
Married: Lem Elam Hannah b;Sept.12,1900 d; Dec.14,1963
Parents: Alexander Waddell Hannah & Lou Ellan Franklin
xi Living Stallings b; married Living Nelms
xii Living Stallings b;

John Thomas Benefield (James , William , James, Needham)b; July 25,1877 Randolph Co.Ala.
d; Oct 23,1954 Gulfport,Ms.
Married : Sept. 27,1896 Cherokee Co.,Ala., Ola Price b; July 30 ,1879 Rome ,Ga.

Children :

i Hartford Odell Benefield b; Jan.29,1898 Centre Cherokee Co., Ala.
ii Hattie L. Benefield b; May 22 ,1901 Boaz, Ala.
iii Thomas Edward Benefield b; Jan.17,1903 Boaz, Ala.
iv William Thelmer Benefield b; Apri 1, 1905 Boaz , Ala.
v Otis Donald Benefield b; Nov.12,1907
vi Living Benefield
vii John Louie Benefield b; Dec.5, 1912 Mississippi City , Ms.
viii Living Benefield

Sixth Generation

BENEFIELD

Mr. Robert Byrd Benefield—Age 31, a native and lifelong resident of Kreola, Miss., died at a Pascagoula, Miss., hospital on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 1968, at 11:30 p.m. He was a member of the Orange Grove Methodist Church. Mr. Benefield is survived by his wife, Mrs. Joyce Benefield, Kreola, Miss.; three daughters, Donna, Tammy and Anita Benefield, Kreola, Miss.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Benefield, Kreola, Miss.; three sisters, Mrs. Alton Kiper, Mobile, Mrs. Edward Taylor, Winter Park, Fla., Mrs. C. L. Harvey, Orange Grove, Miss.; three brothers, Herman Benefield Jr., Randy Benefield and Kevin Benefield, all of Kreola, Miss.; and other relatives. Funeral services will be held from the Jackson County Mortuary Chapel on Friday, Nov. 30, 1968, at 2 p.m. with interment in the McPelah Cemetery. Funeral arrangements by Jackson County Mortuary, Pascagoula, Miss.